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*Medical  
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10 June 1952

TO: Deputy Director (Administration)  
FROM: Chief, Medical Staff  
SUBJECT: Medical Support

1. PROBLEM.--To determine the degree of medical support required by the Agency that is contained in present legislation.
2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM.--
  - A. The Director has stated that he is desirous of maximum medical support for our people.
  - B. Increased medical support may be provided by adopting the State Department interpretation of the term "line-of-duty."
  - C. Increased medical support may be provided by giving consideration to dependents who are denied medical support for security reasons.
3. DISCUSSION.--Section 5 (a)(5)(C) of Public Law 110 (Annex A) contains the authority for care of illness overseas incurred in line-of-duty. The State Department, having identical authority, has for several years interpreted "line-of-duty" as being synonymous with overseas assignment and accordingly pays the costs of all employee illnesses incurred while overseas. The Medical Office originally disagreed with the State Department interpretation and considered "line-of-duty" as illness proximately caused by employment. This concept was promulgated in Agency regulations, as outlined in Annex B. The Medical Office continues in its belief that Annex B is the most proper interpretation of the law, however, the result of the matter is that the Agency thus enjoys purity of concept and the State Department increased medical benefits. In view of the Director's statement the Medical Office removes its objection.

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The Government does not usually provide medical benefits for civilian employee dependents. Such policy, rigidly applied within the Agency, would deny medical support to dependents when local medical support is unavailable for security reasons. Annex C contains a partial list of such areas.

It is considered within the intent of Public Law 110 to provide medical support for dependents in such instances.

4. CONCLUSIONS.--It is believed that the degree of medical support required by the Agency and contained within present legislation is as follows:

A. Washington Headquarters:

In accordance with existing regulations.



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C. Medical Installations:

Wherever Agency medical installations are authorized, medical support will be provided for employees, dependents and indigenous personnel within the limits of facilities available and when required for security reasons.

D. Overseas Stations:

Field stations not authorized for direct Agency medical support will obtain medical support in accordance with existing regulations, provided that overseas assignment be considered line-of-duty and provided that Section 5 (a)(5)(A) of Public Law 110 which pertains to transportation of patients (Annex E) applies also to dependents when adequate medical care is denied them for security reasons.



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5. ACTION RECOMMENDED.--It is recommended that the conclusions listed in the preceding paragraph be approved as policy.

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ANNEXES: A  
B  
C  
D (with original only)  
E

CONCURRENCES:

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Date	General Counsel
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Date	Assistant Deputy Director, I&SO
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Date	Comptroller
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Date	Assistant Director, Operations
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Date	Assistant Director, Special Operations
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Date	Assistant Director, Policy Coordination
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Date	Assistant Director, Communications

ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved (disapproved), exceptions, if any.

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Deputy Director (Administration)

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